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For: METHOD FOR ILLUMINATING AN OBJECT WITH LIGHT FROM A LASER
LIGHT SOURCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 14, 16, 18, 19, and 20 as follows:

a1
14. Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that a noise signal (5), a periodic signal (5) or a stochastic signal (5) is applied to the modulation means.

a2
16. Method according to Claim 1, characterized by use in a confocal scanning microscope (1).

a3
18. Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the modulation is synchronized with the scanning process of the confocal scanning microscope (1).